MR. CHAIRMAN: You must believe the official statistics....*(Interruptions)* ...Allow the Minister to complete...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MD. SALIM: You must believe the Minister...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Three months back, Mr. Salim, you were fighting in this House saying that the number of people living below the poverty-line had gone up...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let the Minister answer...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MD. SALIM: This is an appraisal made by the Planning Commission...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: The Planning Commission says something, the statistical organisations say something ...*(Interruptions)*...Whom do we believe?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: There are other figures. You can debate these figures and draw conclusions.

Let us look at the basic indicator of human development. The life expectancy was 58.7 per cent in 1990. In 1992, it was 60.8 per cent. As regards the literacy rate, figures are not available for 1990. In 1991, it was 52.2 per cent. The birth rate showed a slight increase in 1989-90. But it again declined from 1991. It is now 28.6 per thousand. The death rate was 9.7—9.8 per thousand in 1991...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: This will not satisfy us...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I am talking about human development...*(Interruptions)* How is it possible to answer these things? It is not a debate...*(Interruptions)* I can only give the figures...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Imposition of Tax on Foreign Telecasting Companies

*83. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Direct Taxes propose to impose tax on foreign telecasting companies associated with Indian satellite television channels;

(b) if so, whether Government have assessed the earnings being made by foreign telecasting companies by advertising Indian products; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when Government would finally take a decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c): Income of such companies is already subject to income-tax.

Development of Tourism Projects in Karnataka

*86. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects taken in Karnataka to develop tourism; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) The projects assisted by the Central Department of Tourism for developing tourism in the Karnataka State during the first four years of the Eighth Plan period include Yatri Niwases, tourist complexes, wayside facilities, tourist reception centres, upgradation of golf courses, etc. In all, 41 projects amounting to Rs. 820.00 lakhs were sanctioned during the period. The year wise details are annexed as a statements I,II,III,IV.

Statement I

Projects/Schemes Sanctioned During 1992-93

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
	Karnataka	
1.	Construction of a Yatri Niwas at Sravanabelagola	*57.38
2.	Public Conveniences, one each at Belur and Halebid and two at Shravanbelagola	16.00
3.	Construction of Yatri Niwas at Sringeri	46.05
4.	Construction of Sulabh Souchalaya Complex near Sri Shardamba. Temple, Sringeri	2.60
5.	Construction of Sulabh Souchalaya Complex at Khwaja Bande Nawaz Dargah, Gulberga	2.58
6.	Jungle camp at Bellagudu, Kodagu dist.	24.43
7.	Purchase of Rock climbing equipment	3.37
8.	Purchase of camp equipment for Kemmangundi	5.00
9.	Purchase of water sports, trekking and rock climbing for "Explore India Event"	7.65
10.	Watersports and trekking equipment	4.60
11.	Coorg Festival	5.35
12.	Publicity support	9.65
	TOTAL	184.66

* Revised sanction issued on 6th Nov, 93.

Statement II

Projects/Schemes Sanctioned during 1993-94

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
	KARNATAKA	
1.	Public conveniences at 8 Tourist Centres in Karnataka (i) Bidar (ii) Bijapur (iii) Badami (iv) Pattadakal (v) Sondatti (vi) Aihole (vii) Subramaya (viii) Gokarna	25.68
2.	Construction of Sulabh Souchalya Complex at Basavkalayan	3.21
3.	Yatrika at Hanumanthanagar in Mandya dist.	24.70
4.	Upgradation Golf course of K.G.A. at Bangalore	39.00
5.	Upgradation of Jaya Chamarajendera Wodeyar Golf course at Mysore	37.30
6.	Floodlighting of St. Philomena's Church, Mysore	20.00
7.	Coorg Festival	2.85
8.	Mahamastakbhisheka festival	10.61
9.	Pattadakal festival	4.44
10.	Publicity support	9.65
	TOTAL	177.44

Statement—III

Projects/Schemes Sanctioned During 1994—95

Sl. No.	Name of the project Scheme	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
	Karnataka	
1.	Tourist Complex at Aihole	23.32
2.	Tourist Complex at Basvakalayan	37.12
3.	Yatri Niwas at Dharwad	50.20
4.	Yatri Niwas at Gulberga	49.06
5.	Tourist Complex at Karwar	24.60
6.	Tourist Complex at Kudremukh	21.14
7.	Tourist Complex at Pattadakal	24.52
	Total	229.96

Statement IV

Projects/Schemes Sanctioned for the year 1995—96

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
	Karnataka	
1.	Addl. accommodation facilities at Halebid, Hassan Dist.	27.16
2.	Addl. Accommodation facilities at Melkhamanahalli in Mysore Distt.	24.90
3.	Tourist Reception centre at Shimoga	18.20
4.	Tourist Reception Centre at Hubli	18.20
5.	Yatri Niwas at Bijapur	35.00
6.	Yatriaat Saundatti	28.10
7.	Construction of public conveniences at Ullal near Mangalore	4.41
8.	Construction public conveniences at Hiriyur Junction, Chitradurga	3.50
9.	Construction of public conveniences at Mandya Dairy	3.89
10.	Construction of wayside facilities at Thoranagal between Bellary-Hospet	26.00
11.	Yatrika at Kudalasagama	20.00
12.	Yatrika at Adichunchanagiri	20.00
	Total	229.36

High number of independent candidates for Assembly and Parliamentary seats

*87. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to unusually high number of independent candidates contesting election to certain Assembly and Parliamentary seats, running into hundreds and thousads; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to curb the uncalled for expenditure on their security and other administrative expenditure and to obviate the difficulties of the electorate?

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